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Aging

NOLA: SBDT 000000
Series Title: Super Brain with Dr. Rudy Tanzi
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 12/5/2012 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Dr. Rudy Tanzi explores new discoveries in neuroscience that maximize the potential of the human brain in practical and actionable ways. Dr. Tanzi crosses the next horizon in brain functioning where every person can reach a higher level of fulfillment and achievement by harnessing the brain's hidden potential for change, creativity and intelligence. He demonstrates techniques for keeping the brain youthful and retaining mental acuity as we age, and dispels long-held myths, including "aging in the brain is irreversible" and "the brain's hard wiring cannot be changed."

NOLA: PNRE 001612
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/24/2012 12:30:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Caring for an Aging Parent: "A lot of people in caregiving situations ask, 'Why is God doing this to me? Where is God in the midst of all this?' and they really struggle with spiritual matters," says Rev. Kate Bryant. Her church started a special ministry to support parental caregivers. Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz: "The idea of the Talmud is that you are allowed to ask questions about everything," says Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz. He calls the Talmud "the central pillar of Jewish culture" and "a vast book encouraging you to ask questions." Dana Greene on Poet Denise Levertov: "There is a profound sense of the divine sparks of God being everywhere and that the role of the devoted person is to bring those divine sparks together again."

NOLA: MLNH 010519
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/13/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:09

Lawmakers Consider Raising Medicare Age of Eligibility as Budget Compromise: Attempting to find a compromise for a budget deal, President Obama indicated he would be open to a GOP proposal to raise the Medicare eligibility age for future retirees from 65 to 67. Ray Suarez talks to Center for American Progress president Neera Tanden and Tevi Troy of the Hudson Institute, who debate the potential impact.

Agriculture

NOLA: PNRE 001605
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/6/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Judicial Elections: "We have a movement afoot to politicize our courts," says political science professor Rachel Caufield, "and that undermines the quality of justice in America." Food Deserts : More and more churches and faith-based groups are creating small farms to feed the urban poor, especially children, in places like the Ninth Ward of New Orleans. Simchat Torah: "It's an expression of the love for our Torah, our teachings. It's also a great way to begin the New Year," says Rabbi David Shneyer, spiritual leader of Kehila Chadasha and the Am Kolel Jewish Renewal Center of Greater Washington.

American History/Biography

NOLA: RSMW 000000
Series Title: Muddy Waters & The Rolling Stones Live
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 11/28/2012 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Performance
Segment Length: 00:00:00

On November 22, 1981, in the middle of their mammoth American tour, the Rolling Stones arrived in Chicago prior to playing three nights at the Rosemont Horizon. Long influenced by the Chicago blues, the band paid a visit to Muddy Waters' club the Checkerboard Lounge to see the legendary bluesman perform. It didn't take long before Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Ronnie Wood and Ian Stewart were joining in on stage, and later Buddy Guy and Lefty Dizz also played their part. It was a unique occasion that was fortunately captured on camera.

NOLA: CMIC 000000
Series Title: Cuban Missile Crisis - Three Men Go to War
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/23/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Explore the inside story of the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962, when the world teetered on the brink of nuclear holocaust. With unprecedented access to participants on all three sides of the crisis, the film brings to life the three central characters – Kennedy, Castro and Khrushchev – and explores how the world's most powerful men fell into an abyss of their own making and outlines the courage and luck it took to climb out again.

NOLA: DAGE 000000
Series Title: David Geffen: American Masters
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 11/20/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:51:18

Notoriously press- and camera-shy, David Geffen reveals himself for the first time in this unflinching portrait of a complex and compelling man. His far-reaching influence – as agent and manager, record industry mogul, Hollywood and Broadway producer, and billionaire philanthropist – has helped shape American popular culture for the past four decades. He launched the early successes of Joni Mitchell, Crosby, Stills and Nash, Jackson Browne, Tom Cruise, and Guns N' Roses; he co-founded DreamWorks, the first new Hollywood studio in more than 50 years; he produced Cats and Dreamgirls; he is one of the largest contributors to the fight against AIDS; and he has become an important political voice. This dealmaker extraordinaire is witty, self-aware and candid. He and everyone from Yoko Ono and Cher, Frank Rich and Maureen Dowd, Stephen Spielberg and Barry Diller, David Crosby and Neil Young, Elton John and Rahm Emanuel illuminate his rich and riveting story.

NOLA: DUSB 000101
Series Title: Dust Bowl; The
Episode Title: The Great Plow Up
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 11/18/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:48:24

Survey the causes of the worst man-made ecological disaster in American history, when the frenzied wheat boom of the "Great Plow-Up," followed by a decade-long drought during the 1930s, nearly swept away the breadbasket of the nation. See vivid interviews with 26 survivors of those hard times, combined with dramatic photographs and seldom-seen movie footage, that bring to life stories of incredible human suffering and equally incredible perseverance. The documentary is also a morality tale about our relationship to the land that sustains us – a lesson we ignore at our peril.

Arts

NOLA: EDMT 000000
Series Title: Ellen DeGeneres: The Mark Twain Prize
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 10/30/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Event Coverage
Segment Length: 01:23:14

This special celebrates television icon and entertainment pioneer Ellen DeGeneres, the latest recipient of The Kennedy Center Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. From the stage of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, some of the biggest names in comedy salute the 15th recipient of the humor prize.

NOLA: VOCP 000104
Series Title: Voces on PBS
Episode Title: Lemon
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/23/2012 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:54:40

When Lemon Andersen held a Tony Award in his hands for his work in Russell Simmons' Def Poetry Jam on Broadway, it was close to a miracle. This poet/performer was a three-time felon who'd achieved more than anyone could have ever imagined. But when the show closed, he lost everything and moved his wife and two small daughters back to the projects. In desperation, he turned to the only thing he had left – his pen and his past. Lemon follows one man's journey to bring his life story to the New York stage while battling his darkest demons.

NOLA: MAKW 000111
Series Title: Market Warriors
Episode Title: Antiquing in New York, NY
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/12/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Event Coverage
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This week on MARKET WARRIORS, pickers Miller, John, Bob and Kevin head to the Big Apple in search of big treasures at the Antiques Garage in the heart of New York City. They team up to find the right piece of ephemera from the 100 dealers packed into cramped quarters. Mark L. Walberg comments on the wide array of items the pickers find, such as an antique child's rake, a woodcut of Grand Central Terminal, and an abstract painting of a woman. In addition, Bob and Miller team up against Kevin and John to find the target item of ephemera. The winning picker is determined at Ken Farmer's Auctions in Radford, Virginia, where the items go under the hammer.

Business/Industry

NOLA: MLNH 010476
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/15/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:03:57

News Wrap: U.S. Economists Win Nobel Prize for Innovation in Market Design: In other news Monday, Americans Alvin Roth and Lloyd Shapley won the 2012 Nobel Prize in economics for changing the ways in which the market can match transactions, from choosing schools to donating organs. Also, Pakistan's Malala Yousafzai was flown to the U.K. for medical care after being shot by a Taliban gunman.

NOLA: INLE 001401
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Park Avenue: Money, Power & the American Dream
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/14/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Academy Award-winning filmmaker Alex Gibney (Taxi to the Dark Side, Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room) presents his take on the gap between rich and poor Americans in "Park Avenue: Money, Power & the American Dream." Gibney contends that America's richest citizens have "rigged the game in their favor," and created unprecedented inequality in the United States.

Nowhere, Gibney asserts, is this more evident than on Park Avenue in New York. 740 Park in Manhattan is currently home to the highest concentration of billionaires in the country. Across the river, less than five miles away, Park Avenue runs through the South Bronx, home to the poorest congressional district in the United States.

In Park Avenue: Money, Power and the American Dream Gibney states that while income disparity has always existed in the U.S., it has accelerated sharply over the last 40 years. As of 2010, the 400 richest Americans controlled more wealth than the bottom 50 percent of the populace - 150 million people. In the film, Gibney explains why he believes upward mobility is increasingly out of reach for the poor.

NOLA: MLNH 010517
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/11/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:16

How to Protect Against the Dangers of Mobile Apps That Gather Kids' Data:
Investigations are underway to see if companies that make apps are violating the privacy rights of kids by collecting personal data and sharing it with advertisers. Ray Suarez talks to Jessica Rich of the Federal Trade Commission and the Association for Competitive Technology's Morgan Reed on how to ensure privacy for children.

Community Politics/Government

NOLA: FRON 003021
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Climate of Doubt
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/23/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Four years ago, climate change was hot. Politicians from both parties, pressed by an anxious public, seemed poised to act. But that was then. Today, public opinion about the climate issue has cooled, and politicians either ignore the issue or loudly proclaim their skepticism of scientific evidence that human activity is imperiling the planet. What's behind this reversal? FRONTLINE correspondent John Hockenberry of PRI's "The Takeaway" goes inside the organizations that fought the scientific establishment, environmental groups and lawmakers to shift the direction of debate on climate issues and redefined the politics of global warming.

NOLA: WWIR 005217
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/26/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:24:16

With less than two weeks to go, the roundtable takes a look at the candidates' swing-state campaign sprint. Also, we analyze the foreign policy plans of both candidates after the final debate. Plus, we examine the battle for Senate control which rests in the hands of a few states. Joining Gwen: James Kitfield, National Journal; Gloria Borger, CNN; Molly Ball, The Atlantic; Susan Davis, USA Today.

NOLA: MLNH 010490
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/2/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:59

Immigration Is Hot Topic in Iowa, Overlooked by Presidential Campaigns: Hispanics may be only 5 percent of Iowa's population, but that number represents a boom of 110 percent in 10 years, driven partly by the meat industry jobs. While immigration was a big topic for the Republican caucuses, Iowa Public Television's Paul Yeager reports on why the presidential candidates have been quiet on the issue.

Consumerism

NOLA: MLNH 010470
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/5/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:02:47

News Wrap: California Gasoline Prices Spike Causing Panicked Rush to the Pumps: In other news Friday, after gasoline prices rose as much as 20 cents in California, long lines formed all over the state as people tried to fill up their cars before prices rose again. Also, hundreds of patients may have received steroid injections tainted with fungal meningitis. At least 47 people have been infected.

NOLA: MLNH 010485
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/26/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:24

With Windows 8, Microsoft Makes Big Shift Away From PCs Towards Tablets: Microsoft has revealed its biggest makeover so far to the operating system found on nine out of every 10 computers in the world. Ray Suarez talks to Forrester Research's Charles Golvin about how Microsoft's decision to focus on tablet-style computers will impact consumers and the greater tech industry.

NOLA: MLNH 010504
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/22/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:05:55

How 'Black Friday' Morphed Into 'Gray Thursday': Many Americans will head to the mall after Thanksgiving dinner to snag retail deals once reserved for the early morning of "Black Friday." But as retailers fear a sluggish consumer spending holiday season, more are opening on the actual holiday. Hari Sreenivasan talks to Barney Jopson of The Financial Times.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

NOLA: FRON 003022
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Big Sky, Big Money
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/30/2012 8:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:38

In a special investigation in collaboration with "Marketplace," FRONTLINE travels to the remote epicenter of the campaign finance debate for a tale of money, politics and intrigue. How has the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision changed campaigns in America? Ask Montana, which has tried to challenge the ruling in court, is investigating alleged campaign abuses and is playing host to a bitter race that could decide control of the U.S. Senate. FRONTLINE correspondent and "Marketplace" host Kai Ryssdal reports.

NOLA: NOSN 000602
Series Title: NOVA scienceNOW
Episode Title: Can Science Stop Crime?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/17/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:52:25

What's the secret to stopping crime? David Pogue gives the third degree to scientists pushing the limits of technology – not only to solve horrific murders, but also to try to prevent crimes. Pogue learns the latest techniques, from unraveling the clues embedded in a decomposing corpse to detecting lies by peering directly into a suspect's brain to tracking the creation of a psychopath's mind. And a genius crime-stopper has made some terrifying discoveries, including how easy it is for a bad guy to highjack – not just your laptop, but your kids' toys, your pacemaker and even your car.

NOLA: FRON 003023
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: The Suicide Plan
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 11/13/2012 8:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

You have an incurable illness, you want to die and you want help dying – what can you do? The terminally ill who live in Oregon or Washington can openly ask a doctor for help, but in the rest of country, where physician-assisted suicide is illegal, people who are suffering turn in secret to friends, family and even activist organizations. FRONTLINE explores this shadow world of assisted suicide, where the lines between legality and criminality are blurred, taking viewers inside one of the most polarizing social issues of our time – told by the people choosing to die, and by their "assisters," individuals and right-to-die organizations at risk of prosecution for their actions.

NOLA: MLNH 010520
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/14/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:11:09

Shields and Brooks on Gun Control Policy, Susan Rice, 'Fiscal Cliff' Talks: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks talk to Judy Woodruff about the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School and ways to approach gun control policy, as well as Susan Rice's decision not to pursue the nomination for Secretary of State and the state of the 'fiscal cliff' conversations.

Culture

NOLA: AMDO 002512
Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Nostalgia for the Light
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 10/30/2012 11:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Patricio Guzmán's "Nostalgia for the Light" is a meditation on memory, history and eternity. Chile's remote Atacama Desert, 10,000 feet above sea level, provides stunningly clear views of the heavens. But it also holds secrets from the past in its arid soil: human remains, from pre-Columbian mummies to the bones of political prisoners "disappeared" during the Pinochet dictatorship. In this otherworldly place, earthly and celestial quests meld: Archaeologists dig for ancient civilizations, women search for their loved ones and astronomers scan the skies for new galaxies.

NOLA: NOVA 003913
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Secrets of the Viking Sword
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/10/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The Vikings were among the fiercest warriors of all time. Yet only a select few carried the ultimate weapon of their era: the feared Ulfberht sword. Fashioned using a process that would remain unknown to the Vikings' rivals for centuries, the Ulfberht was a revolutionary high-tech tool as well as a work of art. Considered one of the greatest swords ever made, it remains a fearsome weapon more than a millennium after it last saw battle. But how did Viking sword makers design and build the Ulfberht, and what was its role in history? Now, NOVA uses cutting-edge science and old-fashioned detective work to reconstruct the Ulfberht and finally unravel the mystery of the Viking sword.

NOLA: STBO 000000
Series Title: Sound Tracks: Music Without Borders
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/5/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This musical adventure series roams America and the world in search of compelling music, telling the stories behind the music and the artists who create it. Hosted by public radio's Marco Werman, the magazine-format show features three stories and a special "global hit" performance at the end of the episode. Reporters include Alexis Bloom, Arun Rath and Mirissa Neff. The show combines travel, soul-satisfying music and a sense of humor with top-notch journalism.

"The Jazz Ambassador" - Wynton Marsalis and his Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra are in Chicago, spreading the gospel of jazz - America's music - to young and old. Reporter: Alexis Bloom.

"Brave" - The latest animated movie from Pixar, called Brave, tells the story of a young girl in a fantasy Scotland of the past. SOUND TRACKS goes behind the scenes to introduce the Scottish folk singer, Julie Fowlis, who wrote and sings the movie's theme song. Reporter: Mirissa Neff.

"The Voice of Africa" - Africa's most famous living singer, Youssou N'dour, began his career creating exciting music in his homeland, Senegal. This year, N'dour ran for president of Senegal as a reform candidate. SOUND TRACKS follows the campaign, ending in a grand concert. Reporter: Marco Werman.

NOLA: DWOD 000000
Series Title: Doo Wop Discoveries (My Music)
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 11/27/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:00:00

DOO WOP DISCOVERIES (MY MUSIC) brings back pivotal R&B and pop vocal groups of the late 50s and 60s through never-before-broadcast archival and new live performances of their most loved hits. Pop music icons Smokey Robinson, Mike Stoller (of the writing team Lieber & Stoller), producers Mitch and Phil Margo of the Tokens, Aaron Neville, Neil Sedaka and more share their favorite doo wop styles and songs of the genre.

NOLA: MLNH 010518
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/12/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:03:01

Sitar Virtuoso Ravi Shankar, 92, Popularized Indian Music for Western Audiences: Virtuoso sitar player Ravi Shankar inspired a new fascination with and appreciation for classical Indian music in Western popular culture. Judy Woodruff remembers the man who tutored Beatles guitarist George Harrison, performed at Woodstock and won three Grammy awards. Shankar passed away at the age of 92.

Economy

NOLA: RACT 000000
Series Title: Race 2012
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/16/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

RACE 2012 uses the current presidential election as a lens through which to view America's racial landscape. The program delves into immigrants' reshaping of the American electoral landscape, white voters' reaction to their declining numbers and diminished influence, and the economic imbalance between races that may affect America's political future.

NOLA: MLNH 010477
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/16/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:07:56

What Happens to a Dream 'Betrayed?' Authors Blame Trade for Middle Class Demise: Economic correspondent Paul Solman talks to the authors of "The Betrayal of the American Dream," Donald Barlett and James Steele, who say the drive for free trade has exported so many jobs to China, Brazil and India that American workers may become irrelevant to their own economy, just as other countries gain a middle class.

NOLA: WWIR 005220
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/16/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:24:16

With a looming fiscal cliff, we look at the potential for compromise between President Obama and Congress. Also, former CIA director David Petraeus agreed to testify about the terrorist attacks in Benghazi. Plus, Romney's post-election analysis. Joining Gwen: Martha Raddatz, ABC News; David Wessel, Wall Street Journal; Helene Cooper, New York Times; and Charles Babington, Associated Press.

Education

NOLA: INLE 001404
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Solar Mamas
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/7/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:51:48

India's Barefoot College, founded by Bunker Roy, provides impoverished rural women with an education that empowers them to make their communities self-reliant and sustainable. Rafea, a 30-year-old Jordanian mother of four, is traveling outside of her village for the first time to attend Barefoot's solar engineering program. Once there, she will join women from Guatemala, Kenya, Burkina Faso and Colombia in learning concrete skills to change their communities. Directed by Jehane Noujaim and Mona Eldaief; produced by Mette Heide.

NOLA: MLNH 010511
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/3/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:39

In Chicago, Public Schools and Teachers Work Towards a 'Common Core': Some states, including Illinois, have recently adopted new public school curriculum guidelines called the Common Core State Standards. While some teachers feel relief at having clear guidelines, Elizabeth Brackett of WTTW reports from Chicago on a more contentious aspect of the new implementation: student and teacher evaluation.

NOLA: WWIR 005224
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/14/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:24:21

Gun control debate is again at the forefront after a tragic Conn. school shooting. Amidst continued fiscal cliff talks, Susan Rice chooses not to pursue the Secretary of State nomination. Plus, the U.S. recognizes the Syrian opposition. Joining Gwen: Reid Wilson, National Journal Hotline; Martha Raddatz, ABC News; David Sanger, New York Times; John Dickerson, Slate Magazine and CBS News.

NOLA: MLNH 010520
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/14/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:17

More Than 100,000 Young Immigrants Granted Temporary Reprieve From Deportation: When Congress failed to pass the DREAM Act, President Obama issued the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The federal initiative has given young people, brought to the U.S. illegally before the age of 16, the chance to defer deportation. Ray Suarez profiles three young immigrants who have applied for the program.

Employment

NOLA: INLE 001402
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: As Goes Janesville
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/21/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:52:45

As Goes Janesville reports from ground zero of the recession-ridden heartland - the town of Janesville, Wisconsin. When bankrupt GM shut down the community's century-old plant in 2008 - the oldest GM plant in North America - thousands of jobs were lost. While many workers were forced to leave their families in search of decent jobs, local business leaders worked to bring new companies to town with the promise of lower wages, reduced regulation and tax breaks. They formed a powerful alliance with newly-elected Republican governor Scott Walker, whose pro-business, anti-union stance ripped apart the state, triggering an historic recall election. The recall thrust Wisconsin's boisterous civil war between workers and the business/political power elite onto front pages nationwide.

NOLA: WWIR 005218
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/2/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:24:20

In our last show before Election Day, we take a look at the final campaign sprint in a close election. Also, Hurricane Sandy hit the eastern United States and influences the last week of the race. Also, a look at the new unemployment numbers. Joining Gwen: Jackie Calmes, New York Times; John Harris, Politico; John Harwood, CNBC and New York Times; Amy Walter, ABC News.

NOLA: MLNH 010516
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/10/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:11:46

Michigan 'Right-to-Work' Laws Spark Heated Debate on Role of Labor Unions: In a lame-duck session, Michigan Republicans approved a pair of bills that would make the Great Lakes State into a "right to work" state. Organized labor was furious, accusing politicians of pushing through legislation with no opportunity for public comment. Gwen Ifill talks to two Michigan lawmakers with differing views.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

NOLA: NAAT 003001
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Siberian Tiger Quest
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/10/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:37

Conservation ecologist Chris Morgan ("Bears of the Last Frontier") has tracked large predators in some of the wildest and most remote places on earth. He now embarks on a challenge that will fulfill a lifelong dream – to find and film a Siberian tiger living wild and free in Russia's far eastern forests. The film features the work of Korean cameraman Sooyong Park, the first individual ever to film Siberian tigers in the wild. Park spent years in the forest tracking and filming the world's biggest cat. Park's tracking technique was unconventional, but produced more than a thousand hours of wild tiger footage and captured the saga of a Siberian tiger dynasty. Morgan spends time with Park, learning firsthand just how hard it was for him to achieve his remarkable accomplishment.

NOLA: NAAT 003002
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Magic of the Snowy Owl
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/24/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:38

NATURE takes an intimate look at the snowy owl, a bird made popular by Harry Potter's faithful companion, Hedwig. "Snowies" stand out for their magical beauty, intelligence and charm. Filmmakers take us deep into the owl's tundra home on the North Slope of Alaska to observe the daily struggles involved in raising a family of helpless owlets until they're able to fly. Viewers discover that these strikingly beautiful Arctic owls have a range of skills far more impressive than those required of magical messengers.

NOLA: NAAT 003003
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Animal Odd Couples
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/7/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:40

Despite the odds, there are countless stories of the most unlikely cross-species relationships imaginable: a goat guiding a blind horse; a doe who regularly visits her Great Dane surrogate mother; a juvenile gibbon choosing to live with a family of capuchins, and so on. Instincts gone awry? The subject has mystified scientists for years. Now, NATURE investigates why animals form these special bonds. Informed by the observations of caregivers and noted scientists Temple Grandin and Marc Bekoff, the film explores what these relationships suggest about the nature of animal emotions.

NOLA: NAAT 003004
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: An Original DUCKumentary
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/14/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Ducks fly through the air on short stubby wings – traveling in large, energy-efficient formations over thousands of miles. There are some 150 species of them, representing a wide variety of shapes, sizes and behaviors. Some are noisy and gregarious, others shy and elusive. They are familiar animals we think we know. But most of us don't really know these phenomenal, sophisticated creatures at all. This program follows a wood duck family as a male and female create a bond, migrate together across thousands of miles, nurture and protect a brood of chicks, then come full circle as they head to their wintering grounds.

Family/Marriage

NOLA: DUSB 000102
Series Title: Dust Bowl; The
Episode Title: Reaping the Whirlwind
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 11/19/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Reaping the Whirlwind: In the second episode of Ken Burns's DUST BOWL, experience the gradual relief as the families of the plains seek new lives in California and government conservation efforts – and a break in the drought in 1939 – eventually stabilize the soil and bring the farms back to life, but with dangers of another Dust Bowl facing future generations.

NOLA: PNRE 001615
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/15/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Christmas Gift Giving: "Christmas is about Jesus' birth and honoring Jesus with the priorities that Jesus would have in the world, especially amongst marginalized people. But what we've done is made it more about us," says Rev. Mike Slaughter. Same-Sex Marriage and the Supreme Court: "A state may enforce and dissolve a couple's marriage, but it cannot sanctify or bless it," according to a New York judge in one of the same-sex marriage cases the High Court will review next year.

NOLA: MLNH 010520
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/14/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:55

Offering Protection and Comfort for Kids in the Wake of Latest Shooting Tragedy: How can parents and schools keep kids safe, and how can they reassure them when tragedies occur? Judy Woodruff speaks with a panel of experts, including Stephen Brock of California State University, Dewey Cornell of University of Virginia and Mo Canady of the National Association of School Resource Officials.

Health/Health Care

NOLA: AMDO 002511
Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Sun Kissed
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/24/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

When a Navajo couple discovers their children have a disorder that makes exposure to sunlight fatal, they also learn their reservation is a hotbed for this rare genetic disease. Why? "Sun Kissed" follows Dorey and Yolanda Nez as they confront cultural taboos, tribal history and their own unconventional choices to learn the shocking truth: The consequences of the Navajos' Long Walk — their forced relocation by the U.S. military in 1864 — are far from over. By Maya Stark and Adi Lavy.

NOLA: PNRE 001608
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/27/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

None of the Above: Religious Implications: What effect will the fast-growing number of American adults who say they have no religious affiliation have on traditional organized religion? Joni Eareckson Tada: Breast Cancer Update: When we interviewed Joni Eareckson Tada in 2010, the popular evangelical author and speaker had just been diagnosed with breast cancer. Now, two years later, we speak with Tada, a quadriplegic, about her battle with the disease and how it has affected her marriage and her faith. Children's Hajj: At Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center in Falls Church, Virginia, Muslim children sit in tents, pray, throw stones, and make seven circuits around a replica of the Ka'ba as part of a mock Hajj, the traditional pilgrimage to Mecca.

NOLA: MLNH 010519
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/13/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:18

Scientists Say Bottoms Up to Find the Connection Between Genes and Addiction: Scientists have not found one master alcoholism gene in DNA but rather several that may affect a person's susceptibility. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien goes under the influence to examine the genetic science behind alcoholism and other addictions, and how the answers point to great challenges in curing substance abuse.

Media

NOLA: HIDE 001006
Series Title: History Detectives
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/2/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:51:25

Can HISTORY DETECTIVES return the diary of a fallen North Vietnamese soldier to that veteran's family? U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta takes part in the exchange. A notebook with recipes for large volumes of liquor makes an Indiana man wonder if his rich uncle earned money bootlegging during Prohibition. What can a ledger tell us about Hollywood's treatment of Native-American actors? How did they earn their pay? Did producers treat them fairly?

NOLA: WWIR 005215
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/12/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:24:20

The roundtable analyzes the vice-presidential debate as Vice President Joe Biden and his Republican opponent Rep. Paul Ryan traded sharp words over domestic and foreign policy. Also, with both political parties happy with their candidate's performance, who came out on top? Joining Gwen: Jeff Zeleny, New York Times; Karen Tumulty, Washington Post; Doyle McManus, Los Angeles Times; Alexis Simendinger of Real Clear Politics.

NOLA: PNRE 001611
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/17/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Life of Pi: Is this a film aimed at helping audiences find God? "It wouldn't be that easy," says director Ang Lee. "You have to go through suffering and pain. You have to be in awe. You have to go through tests to believe in God—or not believe in God, in some cases." Sistine Chapel Anniversary: "It's such a great painting because you have God very energetic, and the wind pushing his hair back, and he's very determined. He's just created the universe, after all," says art historian Bridget Goodbody. Jewish Community Food Stamp Challenge: Eating the week before Thanksgiving on a food stamp budget is an effort "to deepen our understanding about America," says Rabbi Lenny Gordon.

Minorities/Civil Rights

NOLA: SBEF 000000
Series Title: Standing Bear's Footsteps
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/15/2012 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This is the story of an Indian chief who went to court to prove he was a person ... and in the process redefined what it means to be an American. The documentary traces one man's journey from his Nebraska homeland to the malaria-infested plains of Indian Territory and finally to a trial that made front page news across America. Standing Bear's odyssey began in 1877, when the Ponca tribe was exiled from the Niobrara valley to Indian Territory in present-day Oklahoma, a place they called death country. As Standing Bear's son was dying, he begged his father to take his body home for burial with his ancestors. In January of 1879, Standing Bear began the long walk north to keep his promise. Before he and his small band could make it home, they were arrested and imprisoned at Fort Omaha. With the secret support of a famous army general, Standing Bear sued the U.S. government for his freedom. The film weaves interviews, re-creations and present-day scenes to tell a powerful story about human rights.

NOLA: MLNH 010494
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/8/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:22

Will the Republican Party Learn to Adapt and Appeal to a Changing Electorate? Election exit polls show that Republicans failed to earn votes from the growing demographics of minorities and young people. Jeffrey Brown talks to strategist Leslie Sanchez, FreedomWorks' Matt Kibbe and super PAC Y-G Action Fund's Brad Dayspring about how the GOP needs to change the way it explains its platform.

National Politics/Government

NOLA: FRON 003101
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: The Choice 2012
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 10/9/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Barack Obama and Mitt Romney have crafted their campaign narratives, telling you who they are, what they've done and how they would lead America. But there's more to their stories. In "The Choice 2012," acclaimed FRONTLINE producer Michael Kirk ("Money, Power and Wall Street," "Top Secret America") documents the places, people and decisive moments that made the men who are competing for the presidency. Hundreds of hours of research and dozens of original interviews reveal new details and fresh insights about the two candidates – and our choice this November.

NOLA: WWIR 005216
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/19/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:24:19

As President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney prepare for their final debate, the roundtable analyzes the feisty second debate, the ever-tightening poll numbers, and the issues that are most important in the countdown to Election Day. Joining Gwen: Peter Baker, New York Times; John Dickerson, Slate Magazine; Amy Walter, ABC News; Charles Babington, Associated Press.

NOLA: EWAS 000000
Series Title: Election 2012: What's at Stake
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/2/2012 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This special focuses on the most important issues at stake in the 2012 election. The program is a collaboration between Need to Know, PBS NewsHour, Frontline and Washington Week.

Recreation/Leisure/Sports

NOLA: VOCP 000102
Series Title: Voices on PBS
Episode Title: Escaramuza: Riding from the Heart
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/9/2012 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:54:30

Las Azaleas are a gutsy team of women rodeo riders vying to represent the U.S. at the National Charro Championships in Mexico — where “to be Charro is to be Mexican.” Escaramuza, or skirmish, describes both the daredevil horseback ballets, ridden sidesaddle at top speed, and the intensity of the competition season. Neither life-altering challenges at home nor cartel violence across the border can keep Las Azaleas from their goal.

NOLA: DTAI 000000
Series Title: T'ai Chi - Health & Happiness with David-Dorian Ross
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/26/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Host David-Dorian Ross, author, lecturer and eight-time T'ai Chi U.S. national champion, demonstrates why this ancient Chinese martial art is the ultimate exercise for body, mind and spirit. Ross offers an engaging description and detailed description of the practical benefits of T'ai Chi, and the special health and wellness advantages of each part of the forms.

NOLA: MLNH 010511
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/3/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:36

New Study Links Athletes' Repetitive Head Injuries to Degenerative Brain Disease: A newly-published four-year study at Boston University, which examined the brains of deceased athletes, links repetitive head injuries to a degenerative brain disease called Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy. Jeffrey Brown talks to Dr. Ann McKee, one of the lead researchers, and ESPN's Mark Fainaru-Wada about the current evidence.

Religion/Ethics

NOLA: PNRE 001606
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/13/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

None of the Above: Who Are They?: "Religion is important. Being spiritual is important. What's not as important is to join and to go every week," says Kellen McClure, one of the fast-rising number of Americans who describe their religion as "nothing in particular" or "none of the above" when surveyed by opinion researchers. Minnesota Marriage Amendment: "Many campaigns have run away from religion in the past, trying to say there's a separation of religion and state, whereas in Minnesota we have embraced the idea that a person of faith can and should oppose the amendment," says University of Minnesota Law School professor Dale Carpenter.

NOLA: PNRE 001607
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 10/19/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

None of the Above: Political Implications: How will the Democratic Party appeal to religious voters without alienating the rising numbers of religiously unaffiliated voters? Greg Smith on Politics and the Unaffiliated: "In our data for 2012 we are finding that the religiously unaffiliated outnumber white mainline Protestants, white Catholics, and even black Protestants among Democratic and Democratic-leaning registered voters." Father Shay Cullen: He arrived in the Philippines in 1972, inspired by the Second Vatican Council to "get out of the rectory and into the streets" to fight human trafficking.

NOLA: PNRE 001610
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/10/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Election 2012: Religion and the Results: There was more than one message on Election Day when it came to the role of evangelicals, Catholics, and Mormons in politics and the place of economic, social, and cultural issues as the fiscal cliff approaches. Chabad Relief and Hurricane Sandy Aftermath: The Chabad Center of the Five Towns in Cedarhurst, New York has been providing up to 2,000 meals every day. The Mission Continues: Former US Navy SEAL, humanitarian, and nonprofit founder Eric Greitens says the lessons of Judaism have shaped his life and taught him about humanity's duty to repair the world.

Science/Technology

NOLA: NOSN 000603
Series Title: NOVA scienceNOW
Episode Title: How Smart Can We Get?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/24/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

How do you get a genius brain? Is it all in your DNA? Or is it hard work? Is it possible that everyone's brain has untapped genius – just waiting for the right circumstances so it can be unleashed? From a man who suddenly acquired an extraordinary musical gift after a freak head injury to a "memory athlete" who can remember strings of hundreds of random numbers, David Pogue meets people stretching the boundaries of what the human mind can do. Then, Pogue puts himself to the test: After high-res scanning, he finds out how the anatomy of his brain measures up against the greatest mind of the century – Albert Einstein.

NOLA: NOSN 000601
Series Title: NOVA scienceNOW
Episode Title: What Makes Us Human?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/10/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Scientists have struggled for centuries to pinpoint the qualities that separate human beings from the millions of other animals who have evolved on this planet. David Pogue explores the traits we once thought were uniquely ours – language, tool-making, even laughter – to uncover their evolutionary roots. He traces some of the crucial steps that transformed cave men to accountants – and learns how much of his own DNA came from a Neanderthal ancestor.

NOLA: NOSN 000604
Series Title: NOVA scienceNOW
Episode Title: Can I Eat That?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/31/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:25

What are the secrets behind your favorite foods? Why are some treats – like chocolate chip cookies – delectable, while others – like cookies made with mealworms – disgusting? You may think you understand what makes something sweet, salty or bitter, but David Pogue gets a taste of a much more complicated truth as he ventures into labs and kitchens where everything from apple pie to Thanksgiving turkey to juicy grasshoppers is diced, sliced, dissected and put under the microscope. If scientists can uncover exactly what's behind the mouth-watering flavors and textures we take for granted every day, could they help us enjoy our food more – without packing on the pounds?

NOLA: NOVA 003912
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Forensics on Trial
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/17/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

There is a startling gap between the glamorous television world of "CSI" and the gritty reality of the forensic crime lab. With few established scientific standards, no central oversight and poor regulation of examiners, forensics in the U.S. is in a state of crisis. NOVA investigates how modern forensics, including the analysis of fingerprints, bite marks, ballistics, hair and tool marks, can send innocent men and women to prison – and sometimes even to death row. Of more than 250 inmates exonerated by DNA testing over the last decade, more than half of the wrongful convictions stemmed from invalid or improperly handled forensics. With the help of vivid recreations of actual trials and cases, NOVA investigates today's shaky state of crime science as well as cutting-edge solutions that could help investigators put the real criminals behind bars.

NOLA: NOSN 000605
Series Title: NOVA scienceNOW
Episode Title: What Are Animals Thinking
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/7/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:25

Have you ever wondered what's going on inside an animal's head? How do they see the world – and us? Is your dog really feeling guilty when it gives you that famous "guilty look?" Do pigeon brains possess "superpowers" that allow them to find their way home across hundreds of unfamiliar miles? David meets – and competes – with a menagerie of smart critters that challenge preconceived notions about what makes "us" different from "them," expanding our understanding of how animals really think.

NOLA: NOSN 000606
Series Title: NOVA scienceNOW
Episode Title: What Will the Future Be Like?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/14/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:25

Mobile phones that read your mind? Video games that can cure cancer? Wearable robots that give you the strength of Ironman? David Pogue predicts which technologies will transform daily life for you – and your grandkids. These advancements are already taking shape in laboratories around the world – and gadgets that once were purely science fiction are on the verge of becoming as common as the iPhones and Androids Pogue reviews every day.

NOLA: NOVA 003914
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Mystery of Easter Island
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/7/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:40

A remote, bleak speck of rock in the middle of the Pacific, Easter Island, or Rapa Nui, has mystified the world ever since the first Europeans arrived in 1722. How and why did the ancient islanders build and move nearly 900 giant statues, or moai, weighing up to 86 tons? And how did they transform a presumed paradise into a treeless wasteland, bringing ruin upon their island and themselves? NOVA explores controversial recent claims that challenge decades of previous thinking about the islanders, who have been accused of everything from ecocide to cannibalism. Among the radical new theories is that the islanders used ropes to "walk" the statues upright, like moving a fridge. With the help of an accurate 15-ton replica statue, a NOVA team sets out to test this high-risk, seemingly unlikely theory – serving up plenty of action and surprises in this fresh investigation of one of the ancient world's most intriguing enigmas.

NOLA: NOVA 003915
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Ultimate Mars Challenge
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/14/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:49:55

In August, a rover named Curiosity touched down inside Mars' Gale Crater, carrying 10 new instruments that will advance the quest for signs that Mars might once have been suitable for life. Curiosity's mission was risky. After parachuting through the Martian atmosphere at twice the speed of sound, Curiosity was gently lowered to the planet's surface by a "sky crane." This first-of-its-kind system was tested on Earth, but there was no guarantee it would work on Mars. With inside access to the team of scientists and engineers responsible for Curiosity's on-the-ground experiments, NOVA was there for the exhilarating moments after Curiosity's landing – and is there for the spectacular discoveries to come.

NOLA: NOVA 003916
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Inside the Megastorm
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/21/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format:
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Was Hurricane Sandy a freak combination of weather systems? Or are hurricanes increasing in intensity due to a warming climate? How did this perfect storm make search and rescue so dangerous? "Inside the Megastorm" takes viewers moment-by-moment through Hurricane Sandy, its impact and the future of storm protection. Through first-person accounts from survivors and from experts and scientists, the program gives scientific context to a new breed of storm.

Transportation

NOLA: MLNH 010468
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/3/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:07:38

American Airlines' Bumpy Ride: Loose Seats, Smoky Cabins and Labor Disputes: Amid long-running contract struggles with its 7,500 active pilots, American Airlines, the third largest passenger airline, has delayed or cancelled hundreds of flights in the last few weeks. Gwen Ifill talks to USA Today's Ben Mutzabaugh for more on the company's bankruptcy woes, toxic labor relations and maintenance concerns.

NOLA: MLNH 010488
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/31/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:11:01

Northeast Copes With Devastating Damage, Widespread Power Outages After Sandy: Though foul weather cleared in the Northeast, the death toll rose to at least 63, people faced property destruction and suspension of transportation and millions still had no power. Judy Woodruff reports on Sandy's aftermath and Gwen Ifill talks to Warren Levinson of The Associated Press for more on the situation in New York.

NOLA: MLNH 010490
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/2/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:01:13

News Wrap: EPA Charges Korean Automakers Overstated Cars' Fuel Economy: In other news Friday, Korean companies Kia and Hyundai could be expected to pay car owners hundreds of millions of dollars for falsely advertising the fuel economy of 13 car models. Owners of nearly 900,000 vehicles, all sold in the last three years, could receive compensation.

War/Vet/National Security

NOLA: SEDE 001201
Series Title: Secrets of the Dead
Episode Title: The Man Who Saved the World
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/23/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:51:25

This film explores the dramatic and little-known events that unfolded inside a nuclear-armed Soviet submarine during the Cuban Missile Crisis. While politicians desperately sought a solution to the stand-off, Vasili Arkhipov, an officer aboard the submarine, refused to fire a nuclear torpedo, thus averting disaster. The program combines tense drama with eyewitness accounts and expert testimony about a critical event during the Cold War.

NOLA: NASV 000000
Series Title: National Salute to Veterans
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/11/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Performance
Segment Length: 00:53:19

Joe Mantegna ("Criminal Minds") and Gary Sinise ("CSI: New York") host the inaugural broadcast of the NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERANS, celebrating all the heroes who have served throughout America's history. The NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERANS features new footage shot at the U.S. Capitol with Mantegna and Sinise, as well as the "best of the best" moments from past NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERTS. The all-star line-up includes Colin L. Powell USA (Ret.), Forest Whitaker, Pia Toscano, Kris Allen, A.J. Cook, Jason Ritter and Yolanda Adams, accompanied by the National Symphony Orchestra.

NOLA: WWIR 005223
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 12/7/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:24:13

President Obama and Speaker Boehner remain divided over fiscal cliff specifics as a solution appears distant. Also, Republican Senator Jim DeMint's decision to resign highlights a GOP intra-party squabbles. Plus, is threat of chemical weapons in Syria a game changer? Joining Gwen: Jackie Calmes, New York Times; Amy Walter, ABC News; Eamon Javers, CNBC; James Kitfield, National Journal.

NOLA: MLNH 010518
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/12/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:01:52

Defying International Warnings, North Korea Launches Long-Range Rocket: North Korea successfully fired a long-range rocket despite warnings from the international community. While the launch enhances the credentials of young leader Kim Jong Un, it is likely to bring fresh sanctions and further complicate relations with neighbors and the West. Independent Television News' John Sparks reports.

Women

NOLA: HASK 000102
Series Title: Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women
Worldwide
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 10/2/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In a two-night, four-hour special introduced by George Clooney, HALF THE SKY follows stories of challenge and triumph, traveling with New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof and celebrity advocates America Ferrera, Diane Lane, Eva Mendes, Meg Ryan, Gabrielle Union and Olivia Wilde on a journey to 10 countries, where they meet inspiring individuals and discover how they're confronting the oppression of women and girls. The special, based on the widely acclaimed book Half the Sky by columnist Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, reveals the real, meaningful solutions being fashioned through health care, education and economic empowerment for women and girls.

NOLA: WWIR 005222
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/30/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:21:43

Fiscal cliff negotiations between Congress and the White House have reached a standstill as both sides clash over spending cuts and tax increases. Also, the potential nomination of Susan Rice to succeed Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State has left Obama and Republicans at a political stalemate. Joining Gwen: Gloria Borger, CNN; Michael Viqueira, NBC News; Susan Davis, USA Today.

NOLA: MLNH 010478
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/17/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:18

In the Philippines, a Fight to End Human Trafficking and Offer Refuge: The Philippines have become increasingly vulnerable to human traffickers, who lure women of all ages and circumstances into prostitution and other forms of forced labor. Fred de Sam Lazaro reports on how Cecilia Oebanda's Visayan Forum Foundation has worked with law enforcement to prevent more women from falling prey.

Youth

NOLA: FRON 003024
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Poor Kids
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/20/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

These are hard times in the Quad Cities, a great American crossroads along the border of Iowa and Illinois, where the Mississippi River intersects Interstate 80. Home to John Deere manufacturing and the nation's breadbasket, it's also an area deeply scarred by the recession. FRONTLINE follows three young girls growing up amidst their families' struggles against financial ruin. This an intimate portrait of the economic crisis as it's rarely seen, through the eyes of children. With one in five American children living below the poverty line, "Poor Kids" is an unflinching and revealing exploration of what poverty means to children – and to the country's future.

NOLA: MLNH 010520
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/14/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:03:53

President Obama Honors Shooting Victims, Families: 'Our Hearts Are Broken Today': A gunman entered Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., and opened fire, killing at least 27, among whom 20 were children. In a press conference at the White House, President Obama spoke emotionally of the nation's sorrow for the many victims of the deadly shooting and their families.

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Capitol Journal

October

10/5: Congressman Jo Bonner discusses his displeasure with reports that state control over Gulf oil spill settlement monies might be taken away. Also: new Alabama Labor Commissioner Tom Surtees talks about the recent merger of the Departments of Labor and Industrial Relations. And guest journalists Karen Brown with WVAS radio in Montgomery and Dan Carsen with WBHM radio in Birmingham help analyze the week's news.

10/12: Alabama Revenue Commissioner Julie Magee discusses new processes that will help keep uninsured motorists from driving. Also: Alabama Drug Task Force Vice Chairman Rob Savage talks about a new 'anti-smurfing' law to clamp down on meth production. And Alabama ABC Board Administrator Mac Gipson discusses the new gourmet beer law.

10/19: Congressman Mike Rogers discusses the so-called 'fiscal cliff' the nation faces at year's end. Also: Representative Daniel Boman of Sulligent talks about some of the amendments on the November ballot, as well as the amendment passed in the September referendum. And guest journalists Mark Kelly with Weld for Birmingham and Sebastian Kitchen with the Montgomery Advertiser help analyze the week's news.

10/26: Senator Trip Pittman of Montrose, the chairman of the Senate Finance and Taxation Education Committee, discusses ending the last education budget year without proration, the first that's happened since 2008. Also: Steve Flowers, political professor at Troy University and a former state representative, helps breakdown all of the amendments on the November ballot. And guest journalists Kim Chandler with the Birmingham News and Phil Rawls with the Associated Press help analyze the week's news.

Capitol Journal

November

11/2: Judge Robert Vance, Democratic nominee for Alabama Chief Justice, discusses his campaign. Judge Roy Moore, Republican nominee for Alabama Chief Justice, also discusses his campaign. And guest journalists Bob Martin with the Montgomery Independent and Bill Britt with the Alabama Political Reporter help analyze the week's news.

11/9: Birmingham Southern College political scientist Dr. Natalie Davis discusses the election results, including the races for Chief Justice, PSC President and Congress. Senate Minority Whip Marc Keahey of Grove Hill discusses all of the amendments that passed in the November 6th election, as well as the on-going controversy surrounding legislative reapportionment. And guest journalists Verna Gates with Reuters and Shedd Johnson with WVAS radio in Montgomery analyze the week's news.

11/16: Senator Greg Reed of Jasper, chair of the Senate Health Committee, discusses Governor Robert Bentley's decision not to create an Alabama Health Insurance Exchange and not to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Also: Senator Dick Brewbaker of Pike Road, the chair of the Senate Education Committee, talks about how he believes there's only a very slim chance that any charter schools legislation will pass next year. And guest journalists Andrew Yeager with WBHM radio in Birmingham and Bob Gambacurta with the Montgomery Independent help analyze the week's news.

11/23: Representative Paul DeMarco of Homewood discusses the controversial decision to end in-patient care at Jefferson County's charity hospital. Also: Senator Jerry Fielding of Sylacauga talks about his decision to switch from the Democratic to the Republican party. And new Public Service Commission President Twinkle Cavanaugh discusses her historic win: she defeated the last sitting statewide Democratic officeholder.

Capitol Journal

November continued

11/30: Senator Scott Beason of Gardendale discusses recent court decisions against key parts of the controversial Alabama immigration law he helped author. Also: new Alabama Postsecondary School Chancellor Dr. Mark Heinrich talks about his goal of turning around the formerly troubled school system. And guest journalists Brian Lyman with the Montgomery Advertiser and Karen Brown with WVAS radio in Montgomery help analyze the week's news.

December

12/7 Senate Minority Leader Roger Bedford of Russellville discusses his bill that would allow Alabamians to take their guns to work, as long as the weapons are kept locked in a car. He also talks about the state's Medicaid crisis. Also: Alabama EMA Director Art Faulkner discusses more federal money for local governments still recovering from the April 2011 Alabama tornado outbreak. And guest journalists Mary Sell with the Decatur Daily and the Times Daily of Florence and Tim Lockette with the Anniston Star help analyze the week's news.

12/14 Representative Greg Wren of Montgomery discusses his recent meeting with HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to discuss state compliance with the Affordable Care Act. He also talks about his work with Governor Robert Bentley's Medicaid Reform Commission. Also: Senator Ben Brooks of Mobile discusses giving up his seat after winning a Mobile County circuit judgeship. He also talks about the state court system budget crunch. And guest journalists Bob Johnson with the Associated Press and Sebastian Kitchen with the Montgomery Advertiser help analyze the week's news.

12/21 House Minority Leader Craig Ford of Gadsden discusses his bill to raise state teacher pay by 10-percent. He also talks about the wait for a Supreme Court decision on Alabama's troubled Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program. Also: UAB School of Public Health Professors David Becker and Michael Morrissey discuss their study which contends that an expansion of Alabama's Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act could result in one billion dollars in new tax revenue. And guest journalists Mark Kelly with Weld for Birmingham and Dan Carsen with WBHM Radio in Birmingham help analyze the week's news.

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December continued

12/28 Representative Patricia Todd of Birmingham discusses her new bill to legalize the use of medical marijuana in Alabama. She also talks about her service on the state's Constitutional Revision Commission and its examination of legislative term limits, something she says she supports. Also: Representative Alvin Holmes of Montgomery, the Dean of the Alabama House, takes the Republican leadership to task for what he calls conflicting legislative travel reimbursement policies. He also talks about new term limit proposals. And Miriam Shehane, the founder of the group Victims of Crime and Leniency (VOCAL), discusses the organization's 30th anniversary and her continued work to lobby legislators for more rights for crime victims and their families.

Spotlight on Education

October

10/25 Alabama Superintendent of Education Dr. Tommy Bice discusses the just-wrapped-up school budget year. Highlighted topics included the failure of charter schools legislation, the controversial new school calendar law, the state takeover of the embattled Birmingham City School System and an expanding effort to institute digital textbooks in some Alabama schools.

We Have Signal

October

10/4 Bear in Heaven is a Brooklyn-based rock band formed by Jon Philpot. The sound of the band incorporates influences from psychedelic music, electronic music, and krautrock.

10/11 We Were Promised Jetpacks is an indie rock band from Edinburgh, Scotland, comprising Adam Thompson (vocals, guitar), Michael Palmer (guitar), Sean Smith (bass) and Darren Lackie drums).

10/18 Lotus Plaza is the solo project of American musician Lockett Pundt (born 7 October 1982), guitarist and multi-instrumentalist of Atlanta-based indie rock group Deerhunter.

10/25 Sharon Van Etten is an American singer-songwriter based in Brooklyn, New York City. Her songs were described by the music website Pitchfork Media as having "some echoes of folk tradition but generally in a more personal, introspective space.

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November

11/1: Yamantaka/Sonic Titan is a Canadian experimental music and performance art collective. Formed in Montreal, Quebec and currently based in Toronto, Ontario.

11/8 Acid Mothers Temple & the Melting Paraiso U.F.O. is a Japanese psychedelic band, the core of which formed in 1995.

11/15 Nick Zammuto has been making music since 1999. Since 2001 he has been composing music with the band "the Books".

11/22 Thee Oh Sees is a band from San Francisco, California, USA. The group began as an outlet for John Dwyer to release his instrumental, experimental home recordings, and over the course of several albums evolved into a full band.

December

12/3 Mike Watt and the Missing Men. Legendary bass extraordinaire Mike Watt sits down for a wide-ranging interview and lets us shoot his performance of his third opera, Hyphenated-Man. Watt is a 40-year veteran of the punk and DIY scene, starting with his seminal Minutemen, later Firehose and then solo work - all while collaborating with dozens of some of the most influential luminaries in music.